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For the Saturday Evening Post.

DAY DREAMS.

I stood alone on the oaken floor,
The house of my ancestor's birth,
I walk'd at eve on the grassy lawn,
And sat at the spacious hearth.

I roam'd at night on the sandy beach,
The home of my father's no more,
I thought of the past forever fled,
And sigh'd for the days of yore.

I gazed at morn, on the open sea,
And mus'd for the days that never pass,
I loved these loonie of childish thought,
And I was,—for they could not last.

I look'd on me beautiful eastern seat,
And gazed on the sparkling wave,
And I thought of the land forever fled,
And knew I must follow them soon.

M. C. Peers.

INTERESTING LETTER.—No. 2.

LEWIS FORK, July 19th, 1836.

[A tributary of Columbia river, foot of the Three Tetes Mountains.]

DEAR BROTHER,—A year has nearly elapsed since we parted, and I feel that I have not performed the promise both combined, have placed us at a distance of some thousand miles from each other. Yes, in the midst of peace and prosperity, while I, with a small band of hardy trappers, am in the wilds of the mountains of the Far West. Perhaps before you receive this letter, I shall be numbered with the dead, or if they had a chance would take pleasure in "dancing my scalp." Be that as it may, yours is an enviable lot, when compared with mine. Here I can retire to rest, without apprehensions of midnight alarms; and can walk forth during the day unmolested save by the occasional howl of a famished wolf, or the distant yell of a prowling savage. I would be reclining on the "green sward," with the Heavens for a canopy, and the sky-blue flower for a strong guard keeping watch over our lives and property.

Such are our different situations, and such must they remain for at least another year, when I fervently hope to be enabled to quit forever, a pursuit which has little besides danger and privation connected with it.

Leaving the boundary line of Missouri, our company, consisting in all of about 60 men, proceeded up the Blue river, which empties into the Kansas; and from thence up the Platte river. Our trip was more prosperous than usual, having taken every precaution which past experience had taught us to provide for every emergency.

We had two scouts and often slept, besides the usual sentinels, with our rifles primed, &c. to meet our wants, until we reached the Buffalo. In former letters, I told you that that animal (the lord of burthen and Indian) most useful animal, has been gradually retiring from the haunts of civilized men; and from the time we left the Platte river, we met with the Black hills. To those, who are not amply provided with provisions, the country between that boundary line to the Buffalo range, must be attended with great danger and privation.

On 11th inst. we came in view of the Black hills, and since then have never been out of the sight of snow. Our clothing required to be of a warm nature, and we found it comfortable. During the last three weeks we have had frost every night, and have frequently suffered by severe cold. Not such a complaint as a cold is unknown among our men.

On 14th July,—I was yesterday interrupted in describing our route, by the cry of "*Black Feet!*"—Immediately I hastened to the spot, and hastily preparing for a conflict with those savages, I proceeded in the direction pointed out by the express, in company with about 20 men. Fortunately for us, we did not unavail our forces; nor approach the scene of conflict in any regular order. The Indians saw us first, and in a body, as they allowed the expression, and as they way our party, with the exception of 3 or 4 men, fled in every direction, each one seeking his own safety. Mr. S. and I, without any regard to order, put spurs to our mules, and commenced a race, which was truly exciting. Every approaching contest, felt convinced we were about entering on a perilous engagement, in which one or both of us must fall.

We therefore briefly directed each other as to the disposition of our property, in case of accident, and made our wills, appointing each other sole executor. So far as I have known, (and I have known no more) instances of this kind, are rare, and the disposal of property in this manner, amongst the hunters, is considered a very important step towards of your fellow citizens,—guarded as they are, by salutary law,—are better, or more correctly fulfilled than among these wild tribes.

On reaching the party that gave the alarm, we found them coming on the prospect of meeting the enemy, who were at that moment in a valley swamp about a mile distant. The information derived from our friends was, that they had met with a severe loss; for at such times "our words are few and full of meaning." No one waits to answer questions, but he who has a tongue to tell a whole comprehension, must go to the battle without tears. We learned that a small party (using our meaning) went on the day previous, had suddenly encountered a band of Black Feet warriors—and, that owing to their inferior numbers, (inquiring reader reading two half bred Indians to meet the chief of the Black Feet, who met on the appointed spot, (signs for their languages were unknown to each other) soon satisfied the parties of the unwarrantable conduct of their people, and that the attack on the part of the Black Feet, with the first visit of Lewis and Clarke to this region and continues, rendered it the more unpardonable in a party that had been taken up to where he had been kindly and protectingly received. Such was the case, and that the band was absolutely attacking a favorable distance, and that the band was absolutely attacking a powder-horn, would up on the quarter-cheek, and the Indians, who had been taken up to where he went to his cabin and commenced reading—the Indians, who had been taken up to where he went to his cabin and commenced reading—Jedediah Smith, and Mr. Sublette, and Mr. Jedediah on the subject, indeed, there was none in the ship to whom he could confide but Gassaway, and he was absent. Mr. Smith left a few articles, which he requested him to receive. He was not to be seen, and quite thoughtless at the consequences.

The second day after they had been anchored in the river, and had all got on board, Gassaway and Jack and Gossaigne, obtaining permission to go ashore, left the Enterprise, and walked to the town, and, dressed in his best blue coat with brass buttons, and his hair combed with brass buttons, and

TO DR. WILLIAMS, OCULIST.

Sir,—In compliance with your public invitation, I was present when you operated for cataract, upon Mr. Thomas Hazard, in Locust street, above 5th. It was with extreme pleasure that I witnessed the perfect success which took in each well as the cause of blindness, arose of long standing, either as partial blindness, some of long standing, either as partial blindness, some of long standing, either as total privation of sight from the effects of local remedies, or much benefit since their application to you.

And, as I understand it is with the expressed wish of the patients to record their publicly their warmest expressions of gratitude, for your truly important services rendered, when all other hopes of recovery had entirely failed.

Several cases were in a state of reaching interest, among others, that of a little girl about 7 years old, who have been blind, but who, at present, is able to discern objects distinctly enough to walk about in our entrance; and commences to recover perfect sight, day. All of the patients are in much improved, and most of them are very sanguine in their expectations of speedily and perfectly recovering.

It is indeed desirable that all suffering from such a distressing affliction would apply, time to the most remote cases, by those at this time under your care, and reap those advantages which a kind Providence has so plentifully offers.

Yours in truth,

WM. ROBERTS.

M. E. Church, Columbia, Pa.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The death certificate of Emma Wembley was here stated that had the advice of several eminent doctors, and none of them done her any good. She was advised to go to Dr. W. Hildreth's office, having remained in existence between five and ten years, and by the blessing of God, she has now the use of her eyes darkness to light.

Any person wishing to see the child, can call at No. 216 south fifteenth street. She is the daughter of John Wembley.

Philadelphia, October 14, 1836.

To the Editor of the S. E. Post:

Sir,—Since the letter of Dr. Hall was written, one has been handed to me by a near woman, who, on Monday last, was restored to sight by the skill of Dr. worship Williams, and also blessed by the Lord. She says the letter was written by a female lady, but was dictated by herself. She is now at the house of Mr. Hazard, in Locust street, above 5th, and will be glad to see all who feel disposed to call upon her. She says the letter was written by a female lady, but was dictated by herself. She is now at the house of Mr. Hazard, in Locust street, above 5th, and will be glad to see all who feel disposed to call upon her. She says the letter was written by a female lady, but was dictated by herself. She is now at the house of Mr. Hazard, in Locust street, above 5th, and will be glad to see all who feel disposed to call upon her.

Philadelphia, October 14, 1836.

Being this day informed that members of blind poor, and others who are afflicted in their eyes, are now wasting with anxiety for me at Baltimore. I purpose to leave Philadelphia for that city, by a new stage, to remain a short time, on my way to the south.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15, 1836.

In great haste, yours, &c.

J. WILLIAMS, Oculist.

Case of Elias Turner, who was recommended to the care of Mr. Williams, Oculist, by the Rev. John Thompson, Chaplain to the Philadelphia Alms House.

Respected Sir:

I think it my duty to inform you that I have been afflicted with the loss of sight for upwards of twenty months, that I needed a guide—and had been totally blind for seven weeks. I had applied to several eminent physicians of this city, but found no relief, and that I was incurable. Two of the physicians of the Hospital, Dr. Gerhard and Dr. Pancoast, recommending to do me good for four or five weeks; but after that, they said I was incurable. My friend Kennedy I was recommended to you Sir, by the Rev. John Neal, son, Chaplain to the Philadelphia Alms House, and after being under your care one hour only, I received much benefit, that I was able to go every where, and without danger, which is attempting to do, before I came to you Sir, I had nearly walked on the Schuylkill river. And now Sir, I have only to humbly to beg leave to return you my sincere thanks for your kind and liberal attention—and that I hope that I soon shall be enabled to call upon you Sir, and pay you for what as I used to do before I became blind; and I will never cease to pray to the Almighty for your happiness.

I remain Sir, your humble and grateful servant,

ELIZA TURNER.

Witness—Mary A. Atkinson, who wrote the letter for Eliza Turner, and who also herself received restored to sight of one eye by the same Oculist.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15, 1836.

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TO MR. WILLIAMS, Oculist, of London, now in Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.—Having seen your advertisement in the morning's "United States Gazette," and presuming I am the individual referred to, I send you these few lines to say to you that your services are required here as soon as you can appear in public. I am confident my statement will be verified by all A. M. in the North Second to whom I have any intercourse, and one day apply. Having carried on business in that city for sixteen years, I am personally known.

The facts of my case are these—At a very early period of life, I had some trouble in addition to my eyes, from which inflammation ensued, and I was nearly blind. For several years I was under the care of some very eminent physicians, without obtaining any permanent relief. About the year 1811 Passavant directed your course to Chester, King, my personal counsel can be put under your care, I am sure. I am sure I now inform you, that by the application of your remedies, by your own hands, my sight was soon restored; all inflammation ceased and my friends had no more occasion to lead me by the hand, as I was able to read the loose printing that can be produced.

Philadelphia, October 15, 1836.

To the Editors of the Post.

Although I have been honored with unceasing silence, I am happy to say that I have proved true the assertions of Mr. Howard, when he represented that he to the country above all others for civil and religious liberty. My country has gone so far as to assure that I have appropriated to myself a name that does not belong to me, but which I have borne for the now nearly sixty-five years;—I am therefore, at least reluctantly necessitated to obtain in addition to my proper name, as my right, and to take upon myself a total confidence was more than I could have given notice, that your readers may be able to decide whether or not I have reserved that confidence had a right to expect, and must especially when they are informed that almost every day some new instance, in the U. S. has been devoted to endeavour to sanctimize gratitude only the sufferings of the poor and unfortunate, of which your readers may conceive themselves any day at all half their time o'clock in the forenoon at the Union Baptist Chapel, Locust street above Eighth street. As a necessary, I am at this present writing, called that a certain M. D. Ovalier, who figures in a daily journal, has set himself up against me, and has undertaken to *save the souls of his wisdom* assuming a great number of *souls* to be saved, and *souls* to be lost, who have no need to *save the souls of his wisdom* assuming a great number of *souls* to be saved, and *souls* to be lost, who have no need to save the souls of his wisdom assuming a great number of souls to be saved, and souls

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VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE,
That gives it all its flavour.

From the New Monthly Magazine.

SONG.

The plump Lady Tott sat to make dinner one day
Said "Let us go dining this evening, I pray,"
(Lady Tott was an epicurean's daughter,)
"Well, where shall we go?" said Sir Timothy Tott;
"Why, my love," said my lady, "the weather is hot,
Suppose we drive round by the water."

The water—
Suppose we drive round by the water."

The dinner was ended, the claret was "done,"
The bright genius of sherry was dying down was the sun—
And my lady sang for heart-ache, (ditto;)
When Sir Timothy, Tott, like the sweet air grazing,
Said, "The weather is lowering, my love; see, rain,
Only look at the drops in the water—

The water—
Only look at the drops in the water."

Lady Tott,—who, when extremely fixed on a drive,
Overcame all excuses like a bright courtier,—
Had her bonnet and pelisse brought her:
Says she, "Dear Sir Timothy, let me ask in vain!
The fact is the p. ed, which you seem to be near,
Are nothing but fleas in the water—

The water—
Are nothing but fleas in the water."

Sir Timothy saw that he could not escape;
So he just—in his coat with a three-bobbed cape,
And then by the hand gently caught her:
And lifting her up in the chaise, "Come," says they,
She smiled her "things," and the pair drove away,
And skirted the edge of the water—

The water—
And skirted the edge of the water.

Sir Tim was quite right; on the top of his crown,
Like small shot in volleys, the rain peppered down—
Only small shot would do much more slaughter—
Till the gay Lady Tott, who was getting quite wet,
Said, "My dear Sir T. T.," (in a kind of half pet,)
"I am back, for I'm drench'd with rain-water."

Rain water—
Turn back, for I'm drenched with rain-water."

"Oh dear Lady T.," said Tit, winking his eye,
"I very thing know so much better than I,"
(For when angry, with kindness he fought her,)
"You may fancy the rain, as I did before;
But you showed my folly 'fore I could notice more
Than the skimming of flies in the water—

The water—
The skimming of flies in the water."

He drove her about for an hour or two,
Till her ladyship's clothes were completely wet through,
And then home to Tott Cottage he brought her.
Said she, "Now, Lady T., by the joke of to-night,
I'll taste your pun, for you'll own that I'm right
And know rain, ma'am, from flies in the water—

The water—
Know rain, ma'am, from flies in the water."

It is said, we do not know how truly, that Lord Brougham is a plaything of the past, and long since, wrote the following epitaph on himself:

"Here reader turn your weeping eye—
My time is useful most teaches,
The noise in which my body lies,
Could not contain one bit of speeches.

Why is Justice a marine animal?
Because she has scales.
Why is a mill like a mine?
Because it has ounce. (vains.)

SCOTS WHA HAE WI' WALLACE BLED.—This distinguished, we learn from the Edinburgh Review, was composed on horseback, in riding during a tempest, over the widest of Galway moor; to compose with a Mr. Syme, who, observing the poet's looks, [where to speak—judicious!] enough for a man composing a Song of Address, might be unable to trifle with. Doubtless, this storm-hymn was singing itself, to be formed in the soul of Burns; but to the external ear it should be sung with thrust of the whirlwind. So long as there is warm blood in the heart of Bonhomme or man, it will move in fierce throbs under the warm-air, the best, we believe, that ever was written by any poet.

DEFINITION OF A GENTLEMAN.—Gentility is not—or in birth, manners, nor education, but in the mind. A high sense of honor, a determination never to take a mean advantage of another, an abhorrence to trails, delicacy, and politeness towards those with whom you may have dealings, are the essential and distinguishing characteristics of a *gentleman*.

No path is so smooth as the path of duty, after you have become accustomed to it; and nothing offered consistent with itself—and wrong alone is unnatural, and, of course, difficult.

WOMAN.—" Who is she?" a Rajah was in the habit of asking whenever a calamity was related to him, however severe or however trivial. He attendants related to him one morning that a laborer had fallen from a scaffold when working at his palace, and had broken his neck. "Who is she?" demanded the Rajah. "A man—no woman —great prince," was the reply. "Who is she" repeated the Rajah, with increased anger. In vain did the attendants assert the manhood of the laborer. "Bring me instant intelligence what woman caused that accident or we upon your heads." exclaimed the prince, in hour for the active attendants returned and prostrating themselves cried out "O! wise and powerful prince as the ill-fated laborer was working on the scaffold, he was attracted by the beauty of one of your highness's damsels, and gazing on her he fell and was carried to the ground." You hear now," said the prince, "no accident can happen without a woman being in some way the instrument.

EXECUTING INFORMATION.—The present Bishop of London, observing, near his residence in St. James's Square a young street sweeper early and late at his employment, accosted him, "I say, pray, my boy," said his lordship, "do you always intend to follow this calling?" "Why, my lord," replied the [illegible] "I have not a doubt of it, one day." "And what is my part," pointing archly to the corner of the street, "do you do every day?" repeated the bishop, but what do you do on Sunday?" "O, my lord," replied the boy, "Sundays.' Ah, do you know where boys go that play on Sundays?" "O yes, yer honor, we is allus given to the Bishop of Lopendigo, and he, he, he!" and he bled on t'other side of the valer goes to Battersea.

CURIOUS WAGER.—In a last year's number of Blackwood's Magazine it is stated, that for a wager, an individual stood upon Westminster Bridge from morning till night with a box full of real guineas, everyone exposed for sale at a penny a piece, and did not sell ten during the whole day, and left of a thousand pounds of forfeits. Suppose is ever ready to sear good fortune, and whispers in the ear of every passer by, 'all is not gold that glitters.' That so golden sovereign was taken for a Birmingham button.—*Boston Post.*

NET RED.—A green, good-natured, money making, up-country Jonathan, who said every thing dryly, 'got things fixed,' and struck up a bargain for matrimony, having no particular regard for appearances, the parties agreed to respect a common country custom, and not mind tackling. He commenced the ceremony by remarking that, "as custom in the Fight of this land requires to commence with prayer, but he believed he would omit that; after tieing the knot, he said it was customary to give the married couple some advice, but he would omit that also; it was customary to kiss the bride, but he would omit that. The ceremony being ended, Jonathan took the squire by the buttonhole, and clasped his finger on his nose said 'squire, it is customary to rain the magistrate for tieing a knot, *but I believe I'll omit that.*"—*Baltimore Trans.*

Lynching a Judge.—In the Circuit Court Judge Brown, had been engaged in the trial of Wm Hood, charged with the murder of Wil. liam Smith, and the jury found him guilty of manslaughter, and awarded as a punishment, confinement in the penitentiary three years and two months. A motion was made by the prisoner's counsel for a new trial, which was granted, and the prisoner admitted to bail. The mob became incensed at this proceeding, and having stationed a fire engine near the Court House, filled with muddy water, gave Judge B. a "ducking," as the Chicago Times, terms it, when he passed out of the house, after the adjournment of the Court. The next morning the Judge was hung and burnt in effigy.

A more outrageous proceeding we do not recollect ever to have heard of. Whether the decision of the judge in granting a new trial, and admitting the culprit to bail, was proper or improper, it can furnish no excuse for such abominable conduct on be part of a people who profess to be governed by laws. A term in the penitentiary would scarcely be a sufficient punishment for the instigators of the outrage.—*Lexington Intelligencer.*

WIFE LOST.

Seen in a Shop.—*In a state of nervousness.*

"Which is the captain of this boat?" inquired a tall, athletic man, as he came up from the gentleman, with gr eat promptness of action.

"That gentleman yonder," said a bystander.

"Are you the captain, sir?

"Yes, sir;

"Where is my wife?"

"Indeed I don't know, sir—I've not seen her, that I know of."

"Now, captain, this is too bad, I came on board this boat last night, and paid you six dollars passage for myself and wife—and I would like to know where my wife has been put?"

"Have you been in the lady's cabin?"

"I have not."

"Shall I have the pleasure of the lady's name sir?"

"Mrs. Mirah Smith, the wife of Jerome V. Smith, your humble servant."

"Mary (to the chambermaid) is Mrs. Mirah Smith in the lady's cabin?"

"No, sir—I've inquired and she's not there."

"There—I told you so," said Mr. Smith, in much excitement.

"Captain, said a way standing by: 'suppose some should sound the bell all through the boat, and say—Mrs. Mirah Smith, who came on board last night, cannot be found.'

"That's a good idea," echoed a hundred voices at once.

So John, a cream coloured Loon, with an eye like Iago's, set his bell agoing, crying as loud at every interval: "Lost, Mrs. Mirah Smith.

Any person who knows where she is, will please hand her up to the captain's office, for the benefit of her disconsolate husband.

John hurried through the boat, somewhat to the amusement of the passengers, and when he reached the upper deck, when, in passing the gentlemen's cabin door, a disappointment was in store of success, he raised his voice to the stentorian pitch of a Stentor, and Mrs. Mirah Smith not more than eighteen years of age, and the former scarcely more than twenty-one, was found in bed in her slumbers, with 'Who says I'm lost'—here I am—Arrow's Jerome."

It is needless to say that this gave a very pleasant turn to the whole affair—and when the rain (good soul) escaped the charge of stealing a man's wife.—*N. Pens.*

A CONSIDERATE NOTION.—We sent an explanation, from which it would appear that the whole human race, if collected together in one spot, would not occupy a space much greater than the extent of that on which our metropolis stands. He supposes the population of the globe to be equal to 1,000,000,000 souls, and the average space occupied by each individual to be 111 square feet, the whole of the 1,000,000,000 collected together would cover a square of 17,063 feet, or of about 4 miles.

ANECDOTES OF EDWARD LIVINGSTON.—The last number of the North American Review contains the following interesting anecdotes relative to the late Edward Livingston—the author of a system of penal law for the State of Louisiana. It places the industry and perseverance of this distinguished jurist and statesman, in a strong light.

"This process of course, unavoidably consumed much time; but by assiduous labor in little more than two years after, his plan had received the sanction of the legislature, by the resolution referred to, he completed it for that purpose he caused a fair copy of the whole to be written, the various articles of which were then subjected to destroy the best monuments of human industry, and suddenly and unexpectedly mar the most useful and promising undertakings. Fortunately, in this instance his patience and zeal enabled him to prevent that probable result. In the autumn of 1824, he had finished his manuscript, and precisely completed for submission to the Legislature.—Having received authority from them to print it for that purpose he caused a fair copy of the whole to be written. No various articles which constitute the system, as they are consigned by the sentence of a court to the flames for the libels and blasphemy, the impotent influence over their minds and manners when young. All traces of them were thus slout out from the light of liberty and society, had by assiduous labor in little more than two years after, his plan had received the sanction of the legislature, by the resolution referred to, he completed